

PEACE OF TONGS ONLY TEMPORARY, CHINESE ASSERT

Only Way to End the War Is
to Stop Gambling. They
Declare.

POLICE ARE BLAMED.

Graft System Behind Assess-
ments That Give Provo-
cation for Killing.

That the peace footing upon which Chinatown has been resting since Sunday night is only an armistice and not a final settlement of the long war between the Four Brothers, the On Leongs and the Hip Sing is the belief of practically everybody in the Chinese quarter. When a Chinaman is asked if the war is really over a little smile of incredulity plays about the corners of the Oriental mouth and a twinkle of amusement shines from the slanted eyes.

A dozen or more reputable Chinamen assert that there is only one way to put an end to the killings of the long men, and that is for the Police Department of New York to put the Chinese gambling element out of business. And they add that the way to stop the gambling and incidentally the tong war is to root out the system of police graft by which it is alleged the gambling is permitted to go on.

An outbreak of the gun men, it is asserted, is generally provoked by an assessment levied periodically by the On Leongs upon the Four Brothers and other organizations, and that the origin of the import is in a system of police "protection."

To-day the armistice is still on and is expected to continue until the next meeting of the peace council, which probably will be held Saturday night.

The "peace council" was a strange assemblage. While the negotiations were on the members of the On Leong Tong and Four Brothers remained smoking their individual pipes of peace at a safe distance from each other in their respective headquarters on the top floors of No. 18 Mott street and No. 22 Pell street. To them came, from time to time during the night, emissaries from the peace commission in session in the rooms of the Chinese Merchants' Association on the top floor of No. 16 Mott street.

Around the peace table sat forty or fifty men, twenty of whom were students at Columbia University and City College. The others were delegates from the Merchants' Association, the Roman Catholic, the Methodist and the Baptist missions of the district, the Chinese Empire Reform Association and the Chinese Consulate.

Fantasia is suspended.

Such an array of aggressive respectability was too formidable for the gambling element to ignore or defy and so the leaders of the "bad men" promised to be good. This means that for the present the merry game of fan tan for money will be suspended. The suspension of the game, which is only incidental to the game, is also called off. But everybody is afraid that when gambling is resumed, as it will be, it is decided, unless the manner of dealing with it by the police is radically changed, the trouble will break out afresh.

Lin Wong, secretary of the Chinatown Peace Commission, said to-day that the report that the peace movement is the result of high pressure brought to bear by the great exporting merchants in China through the Chinese Embassy at Washington is "nonsense," and that the effort to end the war of the Orientals was spontaneously made by the Chinese students and law abiding merchants of the city, who are ashamed of the reflection cast upon their nationality by the gambling feuds of Chinatown.

STATEN ISLAND NOTES.

The recently elected officers of St. Paul's M. E. Church of Tottenville are: John Anderson, superintendent; Arthur Decker, assistant superintendent; Earl Anderson, secretary; and D. H. Skidmore, treasurer.

Miss Elsie Warner of Garrettsville, is visiting friends in Montclair.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday School of Calvary Presbyterian Church of West Brighton will be held in the lecture room of the church next Monday evening.

At the Parish Hall of the Church of the Ascension in West Brighton next Thursday evening, Comptroller B. B. Bartlett will meet the Institute Five of Hoboken. There will be dancing before and after the game.

The members of Friendship Council No. 3, L. E. A. M., will give a musical entertainment at Cosmopolitan Hall, in West Brighton, on Washington's Birthday eve.

More than five hundred tickets have been disposed of for the annual charity ball for the benefit of St. Vincent's Hospital, which will be held at the Germania Clubrooms in Stapleton on Jan. 29.

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Had Been Shot for Sev-
eral Hours.

Shot in the left leg as he was passing an Amsterdam avenue saloon last night, Edward Pfaff, proprietor of a cigar store at No. 9 Amsterdam avenue, thought he had been struck with a pebble thrown by some urchin.

He was on his way to his store and he continued on and remained there selling goods until shortly before midnight, when the pain in his leg became so intense that he drew up his trousers to examine the place where he supposed the pebble had made a bruise. Instead of a bruise he saw a discolored circular puncture, around which the blood had coagulated.

To an instant he realized that he had been shot. He sent word to the West Sixty-eighth street station. The police notified Flower Hospital, and a surgeon removed the wounded man to that institution. The wound had evidently been made with a .25-calibre bullet, the hospital doctors say.

Policeman Wayne of the West Sixty-sixth street station, investigated Pfaff's statement in regard to passing the saloon. Wayne said he found two bullet holes in the door of McDougal Brothers' saloon at the corner of Amsterdam avenue and Sixty-first street, the one indicated by the cigar dealer, but the bartender of the place assured him they had heard no shooting at any time during the evening.

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RUNAWAY BOY FOUND IN COAL BIN NEARLY STARVED

Said He Left Home Three
Weeks Ago When Aunt
Tried to Strike Him.

Thirteen-year-old John Barry, who was brought into the Children's Court after he had been found sleeping in the coal bin of an apartment house, at No. 60 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, told Justice Salmon yesterday that he ran away from his aunt's home at No. 66 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, three weeks ago, when the aunt tried to strike him with a knife and then put her finger in his eye. He had little to eat since and an attendant had to hold him up in court. His aunt had ordered him out after he had failed to find work, he said.

The boy said that for a time he slept at a stable at No. 24 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street and sold old

bottles that he picked up to get a little food.

"Would you like to go back to your aunt, Johnnie?" asked the Justice.

"No, sir; she beats me too much," said the boy.

The boy said that his two sisters, Nora, seventeen, and Agnes, sixteen, lived with his aunt and that his sister Agnes often beat him. Justice Salmon remanded the boy to the Children's Society for a week that an investigation may be made. Several well-dressed women went out for a big dinner for the boy, who ate it with the appetite of an animal.

The aunt, Mrs. Roche, denied to reporters today that she had tried to hit the boy with a knife or had put her fingers into his eyes. She declared that neither she nor Agnes had ever laid a hand upon him.

"I could do nothing with him," she said. "He broke a window just before

he ran away and I sent out to get a policeman. I did not order him to leave the house, but he ran out before the policeman came. I haven't seen him since."

Mrs. Roche has been taking care of her sister's children since the death of their parents several years ago. In addition to Nora, Agnes and John there is another boy, William, eight years old.

Banquet to a Yiddish Star.

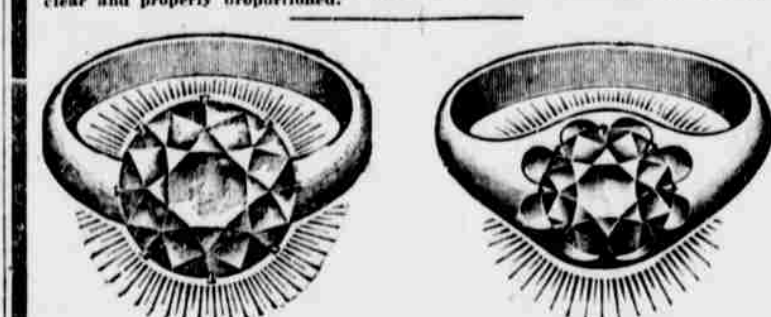
The one thousandth performance of "Mirke Efron" will be given to-night at the Lipin Theatre, on the Bowery, with the Yiddish star, Mme. Kendie Lipin in the title role. This play is regarded as one of the greatest written by Jacob Gordin, who died about two years ago. A banquet will be tendered to Mme. Lipin after the performance by a number of persons interested in the uplift of the Yiddish drama.

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